

KS3 Computing Homework Rationale

The Computing Department recognises that homework can be used to build on and develop the skills obtained in lessons to which students can apply to wider contexts and to a range of different hardware and software's. Homework in Computing provides an opportunity for students to reveal solid evidence of the learning that has taken place, and whether knowledge and skills have been learnt sufficiently to be transferred wider than just the classroom.

The department believes consolidation tasks and wider reading will prepare students to:

- Reinforce and consolidate learning in the classroom
- Allow the opportunity to extend work in the classroom
- The revision of topics in preparation for assessment or new work.
- Involve parents in the learning process
- Allow further opportunities to keep up to date with current computing changes whilst exposing students to cultural capital (Hinterland)
- Develop independent learning and teaching time management skills
- Developing thinking skills; including research.

KEY STAGE 3

Homework at Key Stage 3 will be set at least once over the two weeks, although the task set will be dependent on the class and the stage of the course. Teachers will ensure that the homework builds on skills learnt whilst preparing students to consume a wide range of computing texts relevant to the topic studied in line with the KS3 National Curriculum. Microsoft Teams will be used for Computing students, and there is an expectation to use the channel to submit homework whilst interacting with the 'Wider Reading Channel' by uploading and commenting on posts. This will promote lifelong learners but also ensure our students are kept to date with the ongoing convergence of all things relating to computing in a wide range of areas. In addition to wider reading, revision and lesson/topic recap will also be required outside the lesson. The Computing department recommends this is done at the end of each of the topics studied in line with the national curriculum. Students should be doing this on a regular basis to help them build on their learning and reduce any topic test stress. This will allow misconceptions of topics/ lessons to be dealt with at the earliest opportunity and ensure preparation for end of topic tests is thorough.

MARKING HOMEWORK All homework submitted will be marked in a timely manner and highlight any inaccuracies where relevant to the task focus.